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THE NEXT A. M. A. MEETING.

The next meeting of the A. M. A. will be held at Portland, Oregon, July 11-14, 1905. Applications for membership may be secured at the office of the Society, Room 1, Y. M. C. A. Building, San Francisco.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The JOURNAL enters upon its third year of life with hope and confidence and is cheerful of the future. We speak of it in this personal sense for to your Publication Committee the JOURNAL seems a living, growing entity; our child. The condition of the Society is excellent; county societies, almost without exception, are in a flourishing condition and are growing at a healthy rate. A number of counties where no societies now exist are ready for organization. On every important question confronting the medical profession of California, there is harmonious agreement. Judging from the kindly expressions of opinion that come to us from every county society and from individuals in all parts of the country, the JOURNAL's policy in regard to not only a passive but an active part in the fight for clean advertising, is heartily approved. In the coming year we shall strive to make your JOURNAL more useful to you than it has been and we will highly appreciate any suggestions that seem to you good. We will in no way depart from the now well-established policy governing the advertising pages; if anything, more care will be exercised

in considering advertisements submitted and in applying those rules which have been adopted and which are based upon the Principles of Ethics of the American Medical Association. We sincerely wish to every reader of the JOURNAL, a happy and a prosperous New Year.

The question propounded was this: Is a doctor "who is giving the treatment [a quack "drunk cure"] knowing it to be a secret form of treatment, i. e., administering drugs the nature of which he is ignorant, eligible to membership in an affiliated society of the American Medical Association, a county society, for example?" The answer as given by the *Journal A. M. A.*, in a recent issue, is as follows: "Not if the members of the county society to which he applies do their duty to themselves and to the profession." Certainly nothing could be more explicit nor more in conformity with the Principles of Medical Ethics promulgated by the American Medical Association. But will the gentleman who so wisely answered the query of the *Journal's* correspondent kindly point out wherein is the difference between the hypothetical man who is thus to be excluded from membership, and the men who make use of some twenty-five secret remedies "promoted" through the advertising pages of the *Journal* itself? It may be replied that the formulas of these are published, meaning thereby that a *qualitative* "formula" is published. If memory serves, the once famous Dr. Keeley announced that his remedy contained gold, and under such a lax ruling it should be considered ethical. Is it so considered by the gentleman who answered the query?

A question which should receive the careful consideration of all members of the Society, and their thoughtful expression, is **TUBERCULOSIS** the proposed establishment of **SANATORIA.** State sanatoria for the tuberculous poor. That much good has resulted from the tuberculosis crusade of the past few years, is conceded; that very much remains to be done, goes without argument; that something should be undertaken by the State, appears to be the general opinion. What direction shall State or municipal aid take? Shall it be outpatient dispensaries, or shall it be sanatoria, or both? Judging from the general tone of discussion, not only here in California but in other parts of the United States, both projects are considered desirable and necessary. But the undertaking is large and important and whatever is done should be done carefully and understandingly, and with the approval and cooperation of the Tuberculosis Committee of the State Society. Such institutions should be absolutely free from any possibility of political influence or they will be worse than none at all. In life-taking it has been said

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J. H. Krumminger (a), Los Angeles should have been J. H. Krimminger; Edw. F. Whitney (a), Nevada County, Edw. F. Whiting; W. J. Windham (a), San Francisco, W. J. Mindham; F. A. Cronwell (a), Sonoma County, F. A. Cromwell.

REGISTER CHANGES.

Those members who desire to keep their Registers corrected up to date should check this list carefully. In the following will be found all the official changes (in California) from the Register information as published. Hereafter each issue of the JOURNAL will contain the changes received from the 15th to the 15th.

Changes of Address.

Beebe, J. L., from add. unknown to Lower Lake, Lake Co., (Anaheim, Orange Co., after January 1, '05); Besson, Ed. A., from 944 Post st. to 406 Sutter st., San Francisco; Burlew, Jesse M., Santa Ana, Cal.

Condory, V., from 102 Spring st., Seattle, Wash., to Nome, Alaska; Conran, P. J., from 872 Mission st. to 1095 Market st., San Francisco.

Edwards, Wm. A., from Isabella ave., Coronado, to Braly Bldg., Los Angeles.

Gerson, T. Percival, from 929 S. Main st., to 1621 Ingraham st., Los Angeles.

Haynes, J. R., from 929 S. Main st. to 411 Hellman Bldg., Los Angeles.

Maddock, L., from Austin, Texas, to Stockton, Cal.; Mills, John M., from 944 Post st., San Francisco, to Watsonville, Cal.

Phipps, Charles, from 520 Ellis st. to 827 Haight st., San Francisco; Pressley, James F., from 606 Sutter st., to 135 Geary st., San Francisco.

Richter, L. M., from add. unknown to Garvanza, Los Angeles Co., Cal.

Sullivan, W. H., from Colusa to Hopland, Mendocino Co., Cal.

Weddle, Chas., from add. unknown to Kingsburg, Fresno Co., Cal.; Wells, Geo. F., from Boonville to Geyserville, Cal.

New Names.

Hartley, J. D., 2010 N st., Sacramento, Cal. Med. Dept. Univ. of Mich., March, '73. (C) Dec. '81.

Houston, E. C., Bieber, Cal. Louisville Med. Coll., Ky., Feb. '88. (C) Sept. '96.

Houston, Elizabeth H., Bieber, Cal. Mich. Coll. of Med. and Surg., Mich., March, '95. (C) Dec. '96.

Shorb, A. S., Grant Bldg., cor. 4th and Broadway, Los Angeles. Puile Med. Coll., Cinn., Ohio, March, '79. (C) June, '82.

Fulton, Dudley, 310 Douglas Bldg., Los Angeles. Jefferson Med. Coll., Pa., May, '99. (C) July, '01.

New Members.

Burlew, Jesse M., Orange Co. Med. Soc.; Chase, R. E., Los Angeles Co. Med. Soc.; Fulton, Dudley, Los Angeles Co. Med. Soc.; Gerson, T. Percival, Los Angeles Co. Med. Soc.; Herbert, Henry, Los Angeles Co. Med. Soc.; Johnson, Walter S., Los Angeles Co. Med. Soc.; Kaelber, Arthur P., San Francisco Co. Med. Soc.; Shank, Geo. A., Orange Co. Med. Soc.; Stearns, W. H., Los Angeles Co. Med. Soc.

Deaths.

Palmer, W. E. Spokane, Wash.; Pollatschk, Jacob, San Francisco.

Rogers, S. J. S., Marysville.

Taylor, Wm. Osborn, San Francisco.

Welch, J. Milton, Los Angeles.

Add. Unknown.

Davis, F. J., add. unknown (letters returned).

Findelsen, R., add. unknown (letters returned).

Parker, E. G., add. unknown (letters returned).

New Licentiates.

The following candidates were granted certificates at the last examination:

Ainley, L. T., Bell, H. D., Boyd, Frank P., Brownsill, Edith S., Condit, John Christy, Hanchett, J. C., Hollingsworth, R. B., Irwin, Wm. Hayes, Johnston, Wm. R., Kankel, O. W., Kerby, Clinton, Jr., Lashlee, Claude Harman, Lemke, August F., McCracken, Robt. E., McMillan, Edwin Harbaugh, McMurtry, Melton S., Miller, Geo. L., O'Brien, Jas. W., Powell, Chas. S., Reid, Robert S., Rooney, H. M., Starbird, Geo. A., Swindt, Jos. K., Wilson, Gustave (H).

JAPAN'S LESSON TO US.

The Japanese authorities permitted our Government to send five military attaches to accompany their army in the field. Was a surgeon or a quartermaster or a commissary officer detailed? No. They represented the life-saving and life-preserving departments and were omitted. The killing departments got the appointments—the cavalry, ordnance, infantry, etc.—and to-day Japanese officers are laughing in their sleeves at our senseless failure to have representatives on what they consider their three vital points, while the only weak feature of their army, its cavalry, is considered worthy of special study. Certainly "it is to laugh." But what can be expected of a Government that after its terrible lessons of 1898-99 still insists—especially in the tropics—of subsisting its army on a ration so rich and elastic (lovely term, that elastic), so elastic that when in the emergency of war its elasticity is tested, it bursts its bands, and is found to consist of pork and beans and fermenting canned rubbish that in six weeks prostrates 50% of its 250,000 units with intestinal diseases, and sends 3,000 to their last homes, to say nothing of the enormous number of invalided and the 75,000 pension claims? That in its famous reorganization fails utterly to recognize one of the most important of all the departments, namely, that of sanitation, as it is recognized by the Japanese to-day? That holds its great life-preserving department in such light esteem, that but one officer in the entire army can even reach the rank and emoluments of a brigadier-general? That on its general staff fails to have a single representative of this department, and if any, only a young, inexperienced man of inferior rank, instead of the ablest and most experienced officer in or out of the service, one of international reputation like our retired Surgeon-General Sternberg, whose rank should not be less than that of a major-general, and whose opinions would carry weight in councils of war?—*Literary Digest.*

National Quarantine Law.

It is desirable to enact a proper national quarantine law. It is most undesirable that a State should on its own initiative enforce quarantine regulations which are in effect a restriction upon interstate and international commerce. The question should properly be assumed by the Government alone. The Surgeon-General of the National Public Health and Marine Hospital Service has repeatedly and convincingly set forth the need for such legislation.—*Theodore Roosevelt, in Annual Message.*

Electric Skin Grafting.

John D. Rushmore (*Annals of Surgery*, September) reports seven cases of skin grafting by the electric method, remarkably good results being secured. The surface and the grafts are prepared in the usual manner. The grafts are embedded in the blood of the raw surface to be covered, and a high tension or "static" discharge is then directed from a point to the surface until the blood is coagulated and the surface is dry.

RESULT OF EXAMINATION HELD DECEMBER 6th.

PASSED.

Cooper Med. Coll., Cal. 1904—82%, 84%, 82%, 84, 78%, 82%, 75%.

Hahnemann Med. Coll. of the Pac., Cal., 1904—82%, 84%, 82%, 84, 78%, 82%, 75%.

University of Cal., 1904—75.

Chicago Homeo. Med. Coll., Ill., 1904—80%.

Coll. of P. & S., Ill., 1904—86%, 76%, 75.

Denver & Gross Coll. of Medicine, 1904—87%.

Howard Med. Coll., Washington, D. C., 1904—83%.

Jefferson Med. Coll., Pa., 1904—78%.

McGill University, Med. Dept., Canada, 1904—77%.

Med. Dept. Univ. of Mich., 1904—85%, 75%.

Med. Dept. Univ. of Minnesota, Minn., 1904—85.

Med. Dept. Univ. of Mo., 1904—75.

Northwestern Univ. of Ill., 1904—82%.

Rush Med. Coll., Ill., 1904—87%.

Starling Med. Coll., Columbus, O., 1904—82%.

Passed, 60%.

FAILED.

Coll. of P. & S., Cal., 1904—70%.

Cooper Med. Coll., Cal., 1904—65%.

Bellevue Hosp. Med. Coll., N. Y., 1904—69%, 66%.

Coll. of P. & S., Ill., 1904—71%.

Jefferson Med. Coll., Pa., 1904—68%, 36%.

Med. Dept. Univ. of Mich., 1904—67, 62%.

Marion-Sims Beaumont Coll. of Med., Mo., 1904—66%.

Med. Dept. of Louisville, Ky., 1904—68%.

Med. Coll. of So. Carolina, 1904—70%.

Med. Dept. Univ. of Va., 1904—62%.

Rush Med. Coll., Ill., 1904—69%.

Tufts Med. School, Boston, Mass., 1904—59%.

Univ. of Berlin, Germany, 1904—64%.

Cooper Med. Coll., Cal., 1904—5 passed; 1 failed.

Hahnemann Med. Coll. of the Pac., Cal., 1904—3 passed; 0 failed.

Univ. of Cal., 1904—1 passed; 0 failed.

Coll. of P. & S., Cal., 1904—0 passed; 1 failed.

Failed, 40%.

DECEMBER EXAMINATION.

The Board of Medical Examiners met on December 6th. Several important resolutions were passed at the various sessions, and among them may be noted the following, which it is desired to call to the attention of members of the Society:

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed to investigate the various medical schools within the State to ascertain if the requirements are equivalent to those prescribed by the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Resolved, That the Secretary ascertain from the secretaries of the boards of examiners of the various States which medical schools are considered by them as in good standing, and that this Board reciprocate with such boards in the matter of determining the standing of medical schools.

Resolved, That when evidence of preliminary education consists of a diploma or certificate, the applicant be required to file the same with his medical diploma, and that when the matriculating examination has been conducted by a medical school, the applicant be required to file with his diploma an affidavit stating on what subjects the applicant was examined.

Resolved, That all applicants be required to file their credentials at least one week before the examination.

The matter of medical officers of the Government services was brought up (see editorial comment in the present issue), and the Board emphatically opposed the recommendation of any amendment to the medical law as it stands.

The Utero-Ovarian Artery, by Byron Robinson. Published by E. H. Colegrove, Chicago, Ill. This work exemplifies a pressing need of the day, namely, less scope and more detail. In this book, however, there is too much repetition and too much Byron Robinson. The first twenty pages contain the whole practical information. After this, the work becomes tiresome with heavy detail and repetition. W.



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